

**Amendments to Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) Articulated junction device according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 19, in which rotation prevention means are provided between the hinge pin and each of the first and second parts, so as to prevent any relative rotation therebetween.
3. (Currently Amended) Articulated junction device according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 19, in which the suspended structure further comprises two plates parallel to each other between which the load bearing structure is placed.
4. (Previously Presented) Articulated junction device according to claim 3, in which each of the two first parts in the plates of the suspended structure cooperate with the two plates in the suspended structure through spherical surfaces together defining a ball joint connection therebetween.
5. (Previously Presented) Articulated junction device according to claim 4, further comprising intermediate parts forming ball joint cages fixed in each of the two plates of the suspended structure and cooperate through internal spherical surfaces with external spherical surfaces of the first parts.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 19, wherein the first structure is capable of rotating about at least one of the first axis and second axis.
8. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 19, wherein the second structure is capable of rotating about at least one of the first axis and second axis.

9. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim [[6]] 19, wherein the first circular member and the second circular member are not independently moveable.

10. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim [[6]] 19, wherein the coupling member is a circular hinge pin.

11. (Previously Presented) The assembly according to claim 10 wherein the first and second apertures are circular apertures to receive the circular hinge pin.

12. (Previously Presented) The assembly according to claim 10 wherein the circular hinge pin further comprises at least one protrusion extending from an outer surface to prevent rotation with the first and second circular members.

13. (Previously Presented) The assembly according to claim 10 wherein the aperture of at least one of the first and second circular members includes a protrusion extending from an inner surface to prevent rotation therebetween.

14. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim [[6]] 19, wherein the first structure further comprises two plates parallel to each other to define a space therebetween, wherein the second structure is positioned between the two plates when coupled to the first structure.

15. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim [[6]] 19, wherein the first and second circular members include a spherical outer surface to define a ball joint connection with corresponding interface surfaces of the first and second structures.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) Articulated junction device according to claim [[1]] 19, wherein the second axis is offset vertically upwards from the first axis.

18. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim [[6]] 19, wherein the second axis is offset vertically upwards from the first axis.

19. (Currently Amended) An assembly comprising:

a load bearing structure having a first circular member rotatable about a first axis along a horizontal axis, the first circular member having a first aperture ~~configured to receive a coupling member, the coupling member oriented along a third axis adjacent to the first axis;~~ and

~~a suspended structure which moves with respect to the load bearing structure about a second axis adjacent to the first axis and the third axis when coupled to the load bearing structure, the suspended structure having a second circular member rotatable about a second axis along a horizontal axis, configured to receive the coupling member [[in]] having a second aperture; and of the second circular member,~~

a coupling member received in said first and second apertures to couple the suspended structure to the load bearing structure with the first axis adjacent to the second axis, the coupling member being oriented along a third axis parallel and adjacent to the first axis and the second axis;

wherein the first and second circular members are unable to rotate with respect to one another about the third axis and the second axis is offset vertically upwards from the first axis.

20. (New) Articulated junction device comprising:

a suspended structure having two plates parallel with one another;

a load bearing structure coupled to the suspended structure and positioned between the two plates;

a hinge pin having a hinge pin axis;

a plurality of first parts adapted to be installed in the suspended structure and rotatable about a first axis; and

a second part adapted to be installed in the load bearing structure and rotatable about a second axis, the hinge pin passing through the first part and the second part, the first axis and the second axis being parallel and offset from each other and the hinge pin axis, wherein the first and second parts have one rotatable degree of freedom that is fixed along the hinge pin axis, wherein

the plurality of first parts in the plates of the suspended structure cooperate with the plates in the suspended structure through spherical surfaces to define a ball joint connection therebetween.

21. (New) Articulated junction device comprising:

a suspended structure having two plates parallel with one another;

a load bearing structure coupled to the suspended structure and positioned between the two plates;

a hinge pin having a hinge pin axis;

a plurality of first parts adapted to be installed in the suspended structure and rotatable about a first axis;

a second part adapted to be installed in the load bearing structure and rotatable about a second axis, the hinge pin passing through the first part and the second part, the first axis and the second axis being parallel and offset from each other and the hinge pin axis, wherein the first and second parts have one rotatable degree of freedom that is fixed along the hinge pin axis, wherein the plurality of first parts in the plates of the suspended structure cooperate with the plates in the suspended structure through spherical surfaces to define a ball joint connection therebetween; and

intermediate parts forming ball joint cages fixed in each of the two plates of the suspended structure and configured to cooperate through internal spherical surfaces with external spherical surfaces of the first parts.